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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

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Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet

**Invasive Species Control Right-of-Way
NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ES0030-2015-0016-DNA**

BLM Office: Northeastern States District. **Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** WIES-058021 ROW

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-way to be used exclusively for invasive species control activities.

Location of Proposed Action: Two-acre island in the Menominee River in Marinette, Wisconsin; Marinette County, T30N, R24E, Sec. 6, 45° 6' 6.465" N, 87° 37' 21.107" W.

Applicant (if any): U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District.

A. Description of the Proposed Action

The project is an invasive species control project being contracted by the applicant. The applicant will hire a contractor to control non-native, invasive plant species, targeting common buckthorn, giant reed grass, bush honeysuckle, riverbank grape, and other species. Methods will include cutting with hand tools and power tools and pesticide application using hand applicators and backpack sprayers.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

The action is in conformance with the applicable land use plan.

Land Use Plan Name: *Wisconsin Resource Management Plan*. Date Approved/Amended: 1985.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Wisconsin RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Page 2 of the Record of Decision states that mitigation measures will be designed as necessary to protect natural resources.

C. Applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Document(s) and Other Related Documents

The *Environmental Assessment for Invasive Species Control Activities on BLM-Administered Lands in Wisconsin* (DOI-BLM-ES-030-2010-0018-EA, Decision Record signed June 24, 2010) analyzed the effects of the use of herbicides and manual control methods on the islands and uplands that the BLM manages in Wisconsin.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

YES, the proposed action uses the same methods and chemicals as were analyzed in the EA and is within the same geographical area.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

YES, the range of alternatives is appropriate.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, or updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

YES, the analysis is valid. New information would not change the analysis of the proposed action. The BLM periodically reviews new chemicals to be added to its list of permissible pesticides, but the chemicals proposed for use have been permitted by the BLM for several years now.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

YES, the effects are the same and will be mitigated using the same, standard conservation measures.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

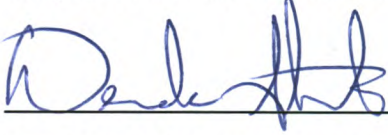
YES, the interagency review is adequate, since the project is part of an interagency effort that has broad community support.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
Derek Strohl	Natural Resources Specialist	Water quality, noxious weeds, wildlife, threatened and endangered species

CONCLUSION

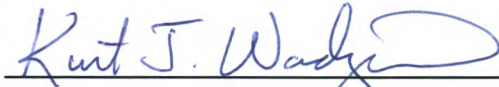
Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the Wisconsin RMP and that the existing NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.



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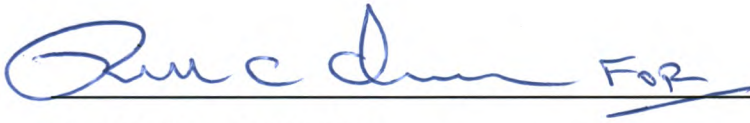
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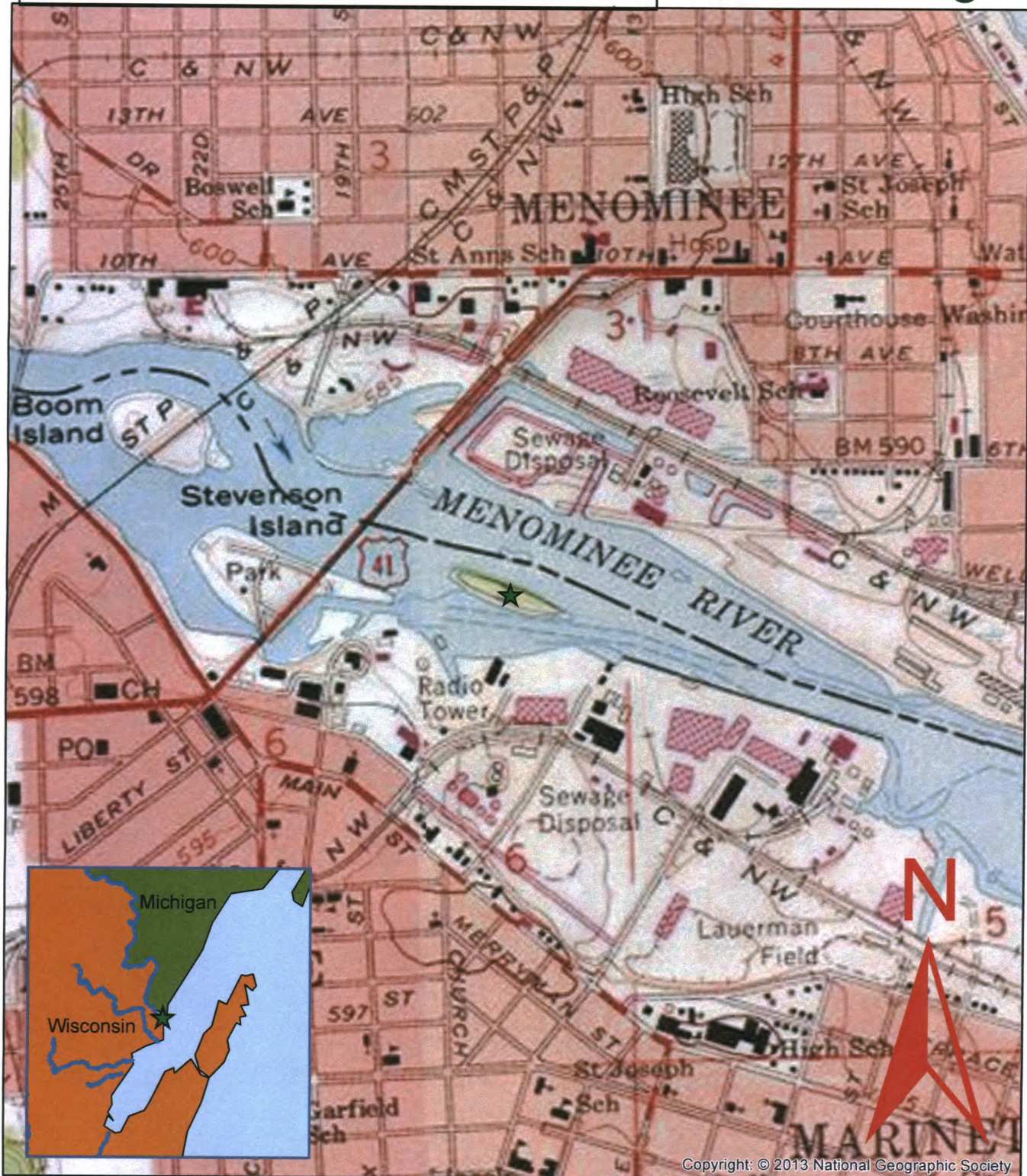
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Strawberry Island, Menominee River

Marinette, Wisconsin



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